

## **Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility**

# **Inmetco**

**245 Portersville Rd.  
Ellwood City, PA 16117  
Congressional District 4  
EPA ID #: PAD087561015  
Final Update**

## **Current Progress at the Site**

On July 2000, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) conducted a site visit. The visit consisted of a facility tour and information gathering to assess the current status of the Facility. No obvious areas of concern were identified during the visit. After an extensive review of existing information and the site visit, on October 2002, EPA determined that there is no unacceptable human exposure to contamination nor is there any evidence of groundwater contamination caused by the Facility. Therefore, both Environmental Indicators (EI) for Current Human Exposures and Migration of Contaminated Groundwater are under control. Moreover, EPA concludes that there have been no past or current releases that warrant further investigation or corrective action at this Facility at this time.

To complete the investigation, EPA issued a Statement of Basis (SB) that documents EPA's findings and proposal of "No Further Action" at the Facility at this time. A public notice on EPA's proposal appeared in the Ellwood City Ledger on December 11, 2002. The public had until March 12, 2003 to submit their comments on the proposal. After consideration of all comments received, and consistent with the requirements of RCRA and applicable regulations, EPA's decision is substantially unchanged from the original proposed decision of "No Further Action." On March 24, 2003, EPA issued a Final Determination that no further corrective actions are necessary at the Inmetco facility at this time.

## **Site Description**

INMETCO is located in eastern Ellwood City, southwest of Ell port Borough in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. The property is approximately 92 acres. It is the former site of the U. S. Steel Ellwood City Tube Mill, which operated prior to 1919 and closed in 1975. INMETCO later purchased the property and began operations in 1978. The Facility currently produces chrome and nickel steel alloy ingots from blast furnaces, electric arc furnace emission control dusts, and other materials. The company processes the waste into pellets using city water and chromium-bearing wastewater. The pellets enter a rotary hearth furnace and are melted in an electric arc furnace. Metal additives are added to bring the alloy to specification. The alloy is cast into small pigs and marketed to the specialty steel industry, including generators supplying the processed waste. The plant is designed to produce 25,000 tons of remelt alloys annually.

## Site Responsibility

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The Facility will continue to operate in compliance with RCRA regulations under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State.

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For more information about EPA's corrective action webpage, including Environmental Indicators, please visit our site at: [www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/correctiveaction.htm](http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/correctiveaction.htm)

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